

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device, comprising:

an image sensor that captures a subject image and generates image data;

an operation member that operates to cause the image sensor to capture a subject image and generate image data;

~~a memory that stores the image data;~~ and

an image storage control unit that ~~transfers the~~ controls transfer of image data, and is operable in a communication mode, to automatically transfer image data stored in the memory generated by the image sensor to an external device via a communication circuit capable of communicating with the external device to store the image data stored in the memory in the external device, and keeps the image data within the image capturing device if the external device is substantially unusable, to transfer image data generated by the image sensor to the memory so that the operation member can be operated to cause the image sensor to capture a next subject image.

9. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, wherein the ~~image storage control unit keeps the image data in memory~~ is a detachable portable memory which is loaded in the image-capturing device ~~if the external device is substantially unusable.~~

10. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, wherein the image storage control unit detects whether or not wireless communication with the external device is enabled and ~~keeps the image data within the image capturing~~

~~device~~transfers image data generated by the image sensor to the memory if wireless communication with the external device is detected to be disabled.

11. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, wherein the image storage control unit detects whether or not a storage capacity of the external device is sufficient and ~~keeps the image data within the image capturing device~~transfers image data generated by the image sensor to the memory if the storage capacity of the external device is detected to be insufficient.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device, comprising:
an image sensor that captures a subject image and generates image data;
a connection unit that ~~electrically and~~electrically, detachably and exclusively connects to a main body of the image-capturing device either a portable memory or a wireless communication circuit capable of wirelessly communicating with an external device ~~to a main body~~; and

an image storage control unit that ~~stores~~controls transfer of image data, to automatically and directly transfer the image data into generated by the image sensor to the portable memory if the portable memory is connected at the connection unit and ~~transfers to~~ automatically and wirelessly transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the external device via the wireless communication circuit if the wireless communication circuit is connected at the connection unit.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera, comprising:
an image sensor that captures a subject image and generates image data;
an operation member that is operated to cause the image sensor to capture a subject image and generate image data;

a memory ~~that stores the image data~~; and

an image storage control unit that ~~transfers the~~controls transfer of image data,
and is operable in a communication mode, to automatically transfer image data stored in the
memory generated by the image sensor to an external device via a wireless communication
circuit to store the image data ~~stored in the memory~~ in the external device, and ~~keeps the~~
~~image data within the image capturing device~~ if the external device is substantially unusable,
to transfer image data generated by the image sensor to the memory so that the operation
member can be operated to cause the image sensor to capture a next subject image.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 8,
wherein the image storage control unit does not ~~keep the~~store image data which has been
transferred to the external device, ~~within the image capturing device~~ in the memory.

18. (Previously Presented) An image-capturing device according to claim 8,
wherein the communication circuit is a wireless communication circuit capable of
communicating with the external device through a wireless communication.

19. (Previously Presented) An image-capturing device according to claim 9,
wherein the detachable portable memory is a memory card.

20. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera according to claim 15, wherein
the ~~image storage control unit keeps the image data in~~memory is a detachable portable
memory which is loaded in the electronic camera ~~if the external device is substantially~~
~~unusable.~~

21. (New) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, wherein the image
storage control unit further controls transfer of the image data to transfer image data stored in
the memory to the external device when the external device becomes usable.

22. (New) An image-capturing device, comprising:
- an image sensor that captures a subject image and generates image data;
 - an operation member that is operated to cause the image sensor to capture a subject image and generate image data;
 - a memory;
 - a setting unit that sets either the memory or an external device as a storage device where image data generated by the image sensor is to be stored;
 - a communication circuit capable of communicating with the external device;
- and
- an image storage control unit that controls transfer of image data, to transfer image data generated by the image sensor to the memory in the case that the memory is set as the storage device, to transfer image data generated by the image sensor to the external device via a communication circuit in the case that the external device is set as the storage device, and to transfer image data generated by the image sensor to the memory in the case that the external device is set as the storage device and the external device is substantially unusable, so that the operation device can be operated to cause the image sensor to capture a next subject image.